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PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. BOURNE

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E.O. 11652: NA
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SUBJECT: UN WATER CONFERENCE - FINAL DAY

REF: USDEL MAR DEL PLATA 0082

1. FINAL PLENARY SESSION CONCLUDED BY ADOPTING COMMITTEE II REPORT AND REPORT OF CONFERENCE BY CONSENSUS, WITH EXCEPTION OF TWO DRAMATIC ROLL CALL VOTES.

2. SHARED WATER RESOURCES. BRAZIL CALLED FOR ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBPARAGRAPH READING, "IN THE ABSENCE OF AN AGREEMENT ON THE MANNER IN WHICH SHARED WATER RESOURCES SHOULD BE UTILIZED, COUNTRIES WHICH SHARE THESE RESOURCES SHOULD EXCHANGE RELEVANT INFORMATION ON WHICH THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF THESE RESOURCES CAN BE BASED IN ORDER TO AVOID FORESEEABLE DAMAGES." THIS PROVISION WAS CARRIED 29 (US, ARGENTINA) - 13 (BRAZIL) - 48 (DETAILS SEPTTEL).

3. OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. ISRAEL CALLED FOR VOTE ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES RESOLUTION. RESOLUTION CARRIED, BUT WITH MORE NEGATIVE VOTES THAN IN COMMITTEE. VOTE WAS 52-17 WITH 22 ABSTENTIONS. VOTING AGAINST WERE CANADA, COSTA RICA, DENMARK, EL SALVADOR, FRANCE, FRG, GUATEMALA, HAITI, ISRAEL, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, UK, US, AUSTRALIA, AND BELGIUM. SIXTEEN DELS, INCLUDING US, STATED EXPLANATIONS AFTER VOTE. (FYI - GIVEN THIS ARRAY OF VOTING, WE BELIEVE APPROACHES IN CAPITALS HAD A VERY POSITIVE EFFECT ON THE OUTCOME. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE ISRAELIS WERE VERY PLEASED AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THIS MAY BE A TURNING POINT OF SOME SORT. WE CANNOT RECALL A RECENT UN RESOLUTION INVOLVING MIDDLE EAST ISSUE WHICH HAD SO MANY "NO" VOTES. SOME DELS CHOSE TO VOTE "NO" PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE INCLUSION OF AZANIA IN THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 TEXT.)

4. PLAN OF ACTION. AS AGREED PREVIOUS NIGHT IN INFORMAL SESSION, CONFERENCE APPROVED BRIEF INTRODUCTION AND LABELED CONFERENCE DOCUMENT THE "MAR DEL PLATA PLAN OF ACTION."

5. FUND. BURUNDI ON BEHALF OF AFRICAN GROUP INTRODUCED AMENDMENT TO REINTRODUCE CONCEPT OF A WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT FUND INTO THE RESOLUTION ON FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS. FRANCE INTRODUCED AMENDMENT, SUBSEQUENTLY MODIFIED SLIGHTLY BY BURUNDI, WHICH SUCCEEDED IN ACHIEVING

CONSENSUS. REVISED TEXT OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1
AS APPROVED IS AS FOLLOWS: THE UN WATER CONFERENCE
REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO PREPARE, BASED
ON CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS AND COMPETENT
UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS, A STUDY OF THE MOST
EFFICIENT AND FLEXIBLE MECHANISMS TO INCREASE THE
FLOW OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES SPECIFICALLY FOR WATER
DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT THROUGH EXISTING ORGANI-
ZATIONS AND PROPOSED MECHANISMS AND TO PRESENT THE
STUDY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 32ND SESSION,
THROUGH THE ECOSOC AT ITS 63RD SESSION."

6. A NUMBER OF DELS MADE STATEMENTS OF EXPLANATION OF POSITION
AT END OF MEETING, MANY OF THEM FOR THE RECORD.
US (RAWLS) MADE STATEMENT ON INSTITUTIONAL AND FINANCIAL
ARRANGEMENTS, AS INSTRUCTED, IN CONTEXT OF OTHER STATEMENTS BY
GDR, AUSTRALIA, ROMANIA, FRG, AND UNDP.
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7. CLOSING CEREMONY. INDIA INTRODUCED RESOLUTION
OF THANKS TO ARGENTINES, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY
ACCLAMATION. REGIONAL GROUPS, MAGEED, AND JAUREGUI
MADE CLOSING STATEMENTS CONGRATULATING CONFERENCE
FOR JOB WELL DONE.
RAWLS

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